

# Career Guide for Eager High Schoolers

Career planning should always start early. At a young age, children are already molded with an outlook for the future. Some children have already set their minds in becoming doctors, teachers, pilots, architects or engineers. As individuals grow older, needs and wants change.

Being in high school can be a good place to start thinking about the careers you should be taking. You have a whole life in front of you and it would be better to think ahead.

According to [Westhill Consulting and Employment](#), students who are unsure of their career paths struggle to belong in college and are most likely to shift courses more often than those who have their lives planned. Surveys conducted in many developing cities such as Bangkok, Thailand, Jakarta, Indonesia and Tokyo, Japan also point out that an average person will change careers – not just jobs – more than five times in his lifetime. Now is the time to reflect and review your strengths and weaknesses and follow these tips:

## **1. Challenge Yourself**

When you are already out in the “real” world, you will soon realize that there are a lot of opportunities, a wide variety of jobs and different industries to venture into. New diverse career paths are also constantly emerging. Even if you are already sure of what journey to travel, don’t close your doors on other options. High school is a good time to stabilize and confirm your personality and identity as well as your likes and dislikes.

## **2. Have Fun while it Lasts**

As much as it is the phase of preparation for a fiercer challenge, High School should be a place of intermediary between childhood pranks and maturity. Young antics should not be forgotten albeit minimized. Trust me, you won’t be able to bring back the time when you are already in college with all the theses, deadlines and homework to think about.

## **3. Talk to adults**

You might be surprised on what advices you can get from adults with sound mind and mature perspectives. You can learn from their mistakes, complaints and experiences. It would also help more if you can find someone taking the path you are planning to tread. Experts and professionals in your career aspiration can guide you on the ups and downs of what will.

#### **4. Get as Much Education as you can**

We are now a society in which many jobs and careers require additional education or training beyond high school. Some careers even require a graduate degree before you can work in the field. Take advantage of all educational opportunities that come your way, such as summer educational opportunities and educational trips abroad. Developing countries and cities are already opening their doors to larger opportunities for students.